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Jane E. Henney, Commissioner
Food and Drug Administration
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, Maryland 20857

RE: Cipro for farm animals.

Dear Commissioner Henney:

I am writing to strongly encourage the Food and Drug Administration to reverse it's approval of the broad-spectrum antibiotic Cipro to be routinely given to farm animals. This practice selects for antibiotic resistant bacteria. Some of these bacteria infect humans. For instance, *Campylobacter*, which causes food poisoning, is becoming resistant to fluoroquinolones, such as Cipro.

In the case of some infections, such as *salmonella*, there are no alternative drugs to treat the infections. If *salmonella* becomes resistant, the very common problem of food poisoning could become a fatal one.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let me know what you plan to do about this issue.

Sincerely,

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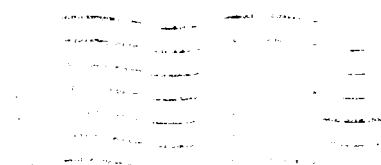
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